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TOWN OF ABINGDON

COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2007 – 8:00 A.M.

VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS SMALL BUSINESS INCUBATOR

A work session meeting of the Abingdon Town Council was held on Saturday, September 15, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. at the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator.

A. ROLL CALL

Members of Council Present: Mayor Lois H. Humphreys

Mr. Robert M. Howard, Vice Mayor

Dr. French H. Moore, Jr.

Mrs. Cathy Lowe

Mr. Edward B. Morgan

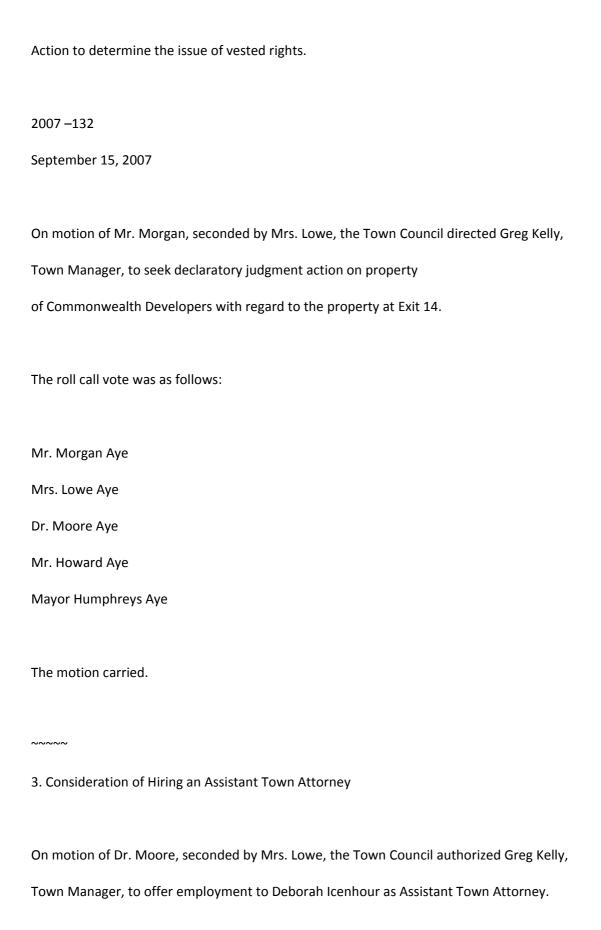
Administrative Staff: Gregory W. Kelly, Town Manager

Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Town Clerk

John Dew, Director of Public Services/Construction

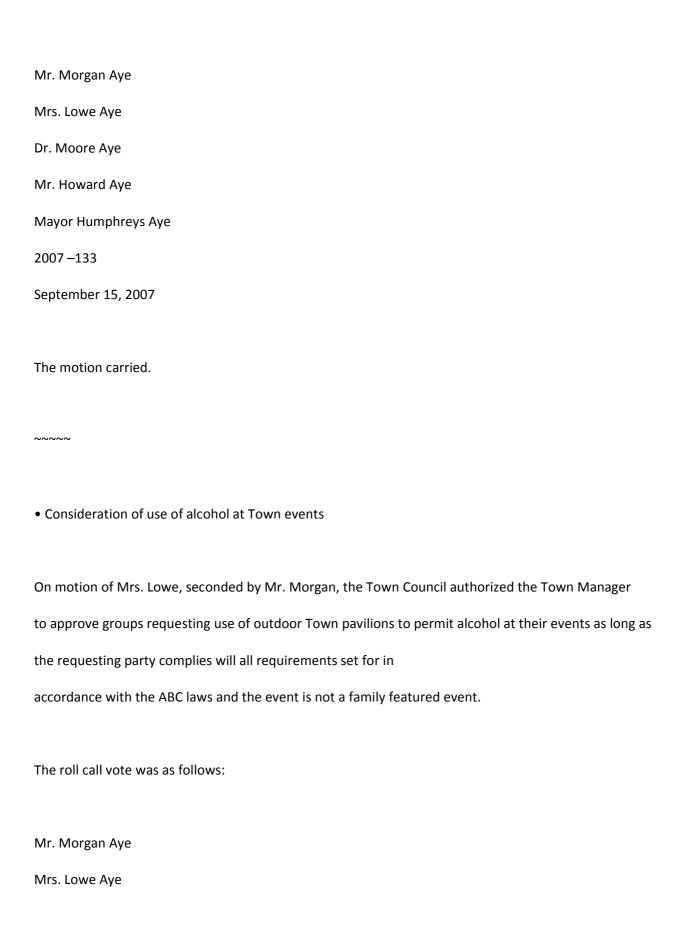
Jim Smith, Director of Wastewater Operations/Town

| Engineer |
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| Visitors: Steve Buston, Donnie Necessary, Brian Glover, Jason Berry |
| B. VDOT Presentation on Traffic Study |
| Donnie Necessary and Brian Glover with VDOT presented a power point presentation to the Council |
| members regarding the Traffic Study they conducted at Exit 17 in the Town of Abingdon. Discussion |
| among the VDOT engineers and Council members targeted problems and potential solutions to |
| increased traffic at Exit 17. The Council requested that VDOT review their |
| data and come back with recommendations and cost projections for potential solutions. |
| C. Recess for Council Members to Participate in Washington County Fair Parade |
| D. Reconvene Work Session |
| E. Lunch |
| F. Topics for Discussion |
| 1. Multi-Sports Complex |
| 2. Exit 14 |
| Consideration of Filing a Declaratory Judgment |

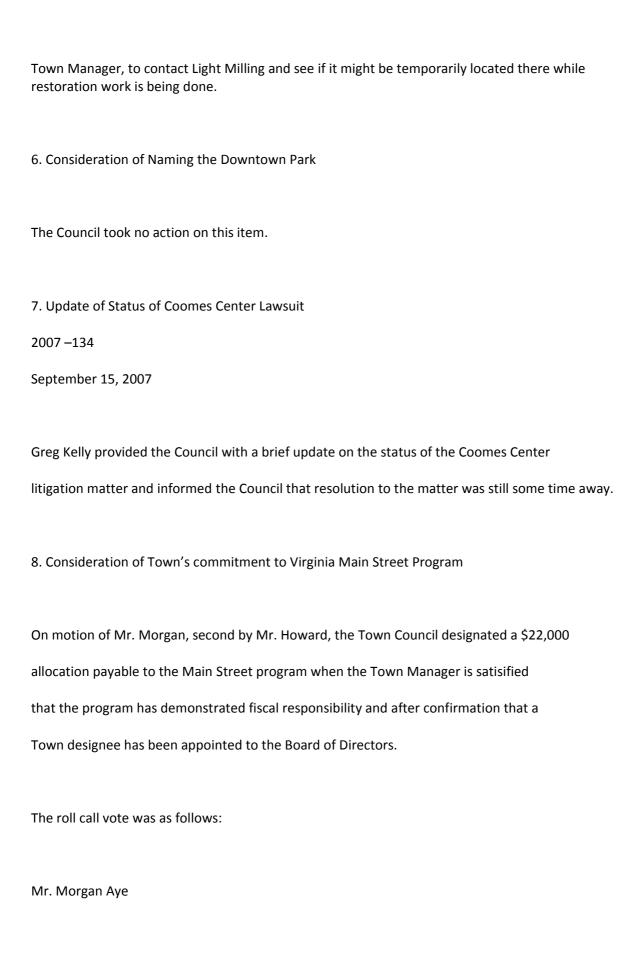


| The roll call vote was as follows: |
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| Mr. Morgan Aye |
| Mrs. Lowe Aye |
| Dr. Moore Aye |
| Mr. Howard Aye |
| Mayor Humphreys Aye |
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| The motion carried. |
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| 4. Consideration of Outdoor Community/Music Events |
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| Establishing a budget |
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| On motion of Dr. Moore, second by Mr. Howard, the |
| Town Council appropriated \$25,000 for outdoor |
| community/music events for the remainder of the 2007/2008 |
| budget and the it is to come from reserve for contingency. |
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The roll call vote was as follows:



| Mr. Howard Aye |
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| Mayor Humphreys Aye |
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| The motion carried. |
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| After discussion by the Council, by consensus, it was decided to establish a Music Events Committee |
| with members consisting of Greg Kelly, Cathy Lowe, Greg Jordan, Rick Humphreys, Bill Smith and Matt Smith. |
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| Mrs. Lowe Aye |
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| Dr. Moore Aye |
| Mr. Howard Aye |
| Mayor Humphreys Aye |
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| The motion carried. |
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| 9. Technology Park |
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| • The Council asked that Jason Berry be directed to pursue |
| grant monies to assist in paying for a generator for the Incubator building. |
| • The Council discussed the need for a Village Center for the Technology Park |
| and asked that the economic development coordinator, once hired, make this a priority project. |
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| 10. Consideration of Financial Incentives for Restaurants, |
| Hotels, and Industry locating in the Town of Abingdon. |
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| • The Council briefly discussed the issue of financial incentives. |
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| 11. Infrastructure Upgrades |
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| • The Council discussed the Cook Street extension, the Whites Mill Road to Main Street |
| extension, the upgrade of imprinted crosswalks at locations and rail trail extensions and bike trails. |

| • The Council discussed the possible requirement of audits and financial statements |
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| from agencies with non-departmental requests in order to ensure fiscal responsibility. |
| • Mr. Morgan informed the Council of the issue with Faith in Action and their need for a building. |
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| The Council discussed holding another Saturday work session to cover remaining agenda |
| items and designed Saturday, November 10, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. as the next work session date. |
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| With no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned. |
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| Lois H. Humphreys, Mayor |
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| Cecile M. Rosenbaum, Clerk |
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12. Non- Departmental Requests